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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. to 113. (Cancelled)

114. (Previously Presented) A d-form retro-inverted peptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1 (ZElan144), SEQ ID NO:2 (ZElan145), and SEQ ID NO:3 (ZElan146) wherein said peptide binds to a domain of a gastro-intestinal tract transport receptor selected from the group consisting of amino acids 29-273 of human intestinal oligopeptide transporter (HPT1), amino acids 391-571 of human oligopeptide transporter (hPEPT1), amino acids 387-685 of human D2 clone (D2H), and amino acids 272-667 of human sucrase isomaltose (hSI), wherein said peptide is no more than 50 amino acid residues.

115. to 117. (Cancelled)

- 118. (Previously Presented) The peptide of claim 114, wherein the peptide is no more than 40 amino acid residues.
- 119. (Previously Presented) The peptide of claim 114, wherein the peptide is no more than 30 amino acid residues.
- 120. (Previously Presented) The peptide of claim 114, wherein the peptide is no more than 20 amino acid residues.

121 to 131. (Cancelled)

132. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a

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therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising the peptide of claim 114 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

133. (Previously Presented) A composition comprising the peptide of claim 114, wherein the peptide is coated onto the surface of a nanoparticle or microparticle, absorbed onto the surface of a nanoparticle or microparticle, or covalently bonded to the surface of a nanoparticle or microparticle.

134. (Previously Presented) A nanoparticle or microparticle formed from the peptide of claim 114.

135. to 144. (Cancelled)